(3) RULES COMMITTEE.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I beg to move— 10-30 a.m.

' *That a Committee consisting of the following Members be appointed to make suggestions for the amendment of the Madras Assembly Rules :—*

1 *The Speaker.*
2 *,, Deputy Speaker.*
3 *Sri S. Ramaswami Naidu.*
4 *The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam.*
5 *Sri T. Viswanatham.*
6 *Dr. K. B. Menon.*
7 *Sri K. Rajaram Naidu.*
8 *,, G. Latchanna.*
9 *,, V. Balakrishnan.*
10 *Janab K. Uppi.*
11 *Sri A. S. Sahajanandam.*
12 *,, T. Nagi Reddi.*
13 *The Hon. Sri K. P. Kuttikrishnan Nayar.*
14 *Sri V. V. Ramasami.*
15 *,, K. Koti Reddi.*
16 *,, V. R. Nagarajan.*
17 *,, V. R. Krishna Ayyar.*
18 *,, N. Ramakrishna Ayyar.' "*

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That a Committee consisting of the following Members be appointed to make suggestions for the amendment of the Madras Assembly Rules :—

1 The Speaker.
2 ,, Deputy Speaker.
3 Sri S. Ramaswami Naidu.
4 The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam.
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12 ,, T. Nagi Reddi.
13 The Hon. Sri K. P. Kuttikrishnan Nayar.
14 Sri V. V. Ramasami.

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15 Sri K. Koti Reddi.
16 ,, V. R. Nagarajan.
17 ,, V. R. Krishna Ayyar.
18 ,, N. Ramakrishna Ayyar.' "

The motion was carried.

(4) AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE IV TO THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1919.

* THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*That the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by the Governor of Madras in exercise of the powers conferred by section 347 of the Madras City Municipal Act,* 1919 *(Madras Act IV of* 1919*), altering Schedule IV to that Act be approved :—*

DRAFT RULE.

In the said schedule to rule 14 *the following paragraph shall be added, namely :—*

" *No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Taxation Appeals Committee unless the Chairman and at least one other member of the Committee are present. If the Chairman and one other member present are divided in opinion as to the decision to be given on any appeal, the appeal shall be decided at a meeting of the Committee attended by all the three members. All appeals coming up before the Committee at a meeting when all the three members are present, shall be decided according to the opinion of the majority of the members. In the event of disagreement among all the three members, the Chairman shall endeavour to bring about agreement among themselves or between any two of them over a specific proposal, failing which the opinion of the Chairman shall prevail.*" '

" Sir, while moving this I wish to explain the necessity for the amendment. The Taxation Appeals Committee of the Corporation of Madras consists of three members two of whom are elected by the Corporation of Madras and one is appointed by the Government who is also its Chairman. Under rule 14 under Schedule IV to the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919 the orders passed by the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, in respect of tax assessment are heard by the Taxation Appeals Committee. As the quorum for the Appeals Committee is not prescribed under the rules it has been usual for the Committee to hear and decide the appeals with all the three members or with one member and the Chairman or even with the Chairman alone sitting. In certain appeals filed in his court, the Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Madras